

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up copy of each paragraph amended below appears on the page immediately following each amendment.

Please delete the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 21 and ends on page 2, line 5 and insert the following paragraph therefor:

A1 -- Additional noise is generated by the fans in the computer, including, for example, the system fan and the processor fan. In particular, as computers become capable of operating at higher speeds, it is necessary to include more and/or higher power fans to keep the computer sufficiently cool to operate properly. As a result, considerable noise is generated by these fans. This can also cause annoyance to the customer, who may react as described above. The noise created by the fans can be reduced by decreasing the speed of one or more of the fans; however, if the reduction in fan speed is not accompanied by a commensurate reduction in peripheral and/or processor activity level, the thermal level of the computer can rise to an unacceptable operational level for components thereof. --

Please delete the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 14 and ends on page 2, line 17 and insert the following paragraph therefor:

A2  
Correct -- One embodiment, accordingly, discloses a method of providing acoustic management in a computer including receiving from a user, instructions regarding a

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A2  
Cncl. selected acoustic level via an interface. An operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer is adjusted to achieve the selected acoustic level. --

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Please ~~delete~~ the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 25 and ends on page 2, line 26 and insert the following paragraph therefor:

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A3 -- Fig. 1 is a system block diagram of an embodiment of a computer. --

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